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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Imperial Beach – Several Taken into Custody After Panga Boat Washes Ashore

(U) Several people were taken into US Border Patrol custody early yesterday morning after a panga boat washed ashore in Imperial Beach. Border Patrol agents and sheriff's deputies were dispatched to an area after a panga boat was reportedly spotted on the beach. Agents took about 20 people who are believed to be undocumented migrants into custody. Agents and deputies fanned out to search the area for more boat passengers, but there was no immediate word on additional arrests.

SOURCE: 26 October 2020, [KGTV](#)

(U) San Diego – Doctor Sentenced to 18 Months for Unlawful Prescriptions

(U) A San Diego doctor who unlawfully prescribed more than 78,000 prescription pills as part of a wide-ranging pill mill scheme was sentenced to 18-months in federal custody. Egisto Salerno, 76, pleaded guilty in January 2020 to signing prescriptions for 78,544 pills without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional medical practice. Prosecutors said Salerno and co-defendants took part in a scheme to issue prescriptions that were signed for patients he did not see, including prescriptions written for people who were dead or in jail when he supposedly examined them.

SOURCE: 25 October 2020, [FOX 5](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Issues Fresh Iran-Related Sanctions Targeting State Oil Sector

(U) Washington – The US imposed fresh Iran-related sanctions targeting the Islamic Republic's oil sector, including the Iranian Ministry of Petroleum, in Washington's latest move to increase pressure on Tehran. The US Treasury Department in a statement said it was slapping sanctions on key actors in Iran's oil sector for supporting the Quds Force, the elite foreign paramilitary and espionage arm of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. The minister of petroleum, the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) and National Iranian Tanker Company were also blacklisted alongside other individuals and entities, which freezes any US assets of those blacklisted and generally bars Americans from dealing with them.

SOURCE: 26 October 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Suspect in Ballot Box Burning Held Without Bail

(U) Boston – A 39-year-old Boston man was charged with setting a ballot drop box outside the Boston Public Library on fire. Worldy Armand was arraigned and held without bail on a charge of willful and malicious burning in Boston Municipal Court yesterday, according to court records. Armand is due back in court later this week for a detention hearing. Charred mail was also found inside a USPS mailbox steps away from a ballot dropbox that was set ablaze, but police said it is too early to tell if the arson attacks on the mail and ballot boxes are connected. Armand has not been charged in connection with the second mail attack.

SOURCE: 27 October 2020, [Boston Herald](#)

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(U) Michigan – More Time Needed to Process Evidence in Kidnapping Plot

(U) Lansing – The federal cases against the six people charged with conspiracy to kidnap Governor Whitmer are on hold. Officials are telling the magistrate judge they need more time to process all of the evidence gathered by their undercover agents and confidential informants, as well as guns and explosives seized after several raids earlier this month. Federal officials say in a new court document they have more potentially illegal firearms and explosives which must be examined by the FBI and ATF to determine if additional federal charges are appropriate. The FBI has collected hundreds of hours of audio recordings from confidential sources and undercover agents and is still collating that material. SOURCE: 26 October 2020, [WXYZ](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Police Shooting of Armed Black Man Sparks Violent Clashes

(U) West Philadelphia – The fatal police shooting of a man allegedly armed with a knife, sparked violent protests overnight, with at least 30 officers reported injured, including one sergeant who was struck by a pick-up truck. Hundreds of people took to the streets to protest the shooting of 27-year-old Walter Wallace Jr. Demonstrators marched to a city police station while officers lined up behind metal barricades. At least 35 people, including five juveniles, were arrested over the course of the night. SOURCE: 27 October 2020, [FOX News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Columbia – Security Forces Kill Top ELN Guerrilla Commander in Military Operation

(U) Quibdo – Colombian security forces have killed a top National Liberation Army (ELN) rebel commander known best by his alias Uriel, during an operation in the coastal Pacific province of Choco. Uriel, known for his media appearances, online videos, and one-time Twitter account, was responsible for kidnappings, the murders of human rights activists and members of the security forces, and forced recruitment of minors. The ELN, which has about 2,000 fighters, began peace talks with the government, but negotiations fell apart after a 2019 car bombing in Bogota that killed 22 police cadets, prompting the Colombian President to demand that the guerrillas release all its hostages. SOURCE: 26 October 2020, [France 24](#)

(U) Pakistan – Bomb at Seminary Kills Eight Students and Wounds 136

(U) Peshawar – A powerful bomb blast ripped through an Islamic seminary, killing at least eight students and wounding 136 others. The bombing happened as a prominent religious scholar during a special class was delivering a lecture about the teachings of Islam at the main hall of the Jamia Zubairia madrassa. A police spokesperson suggests the bomb went off minutes after someone left a bag at the madrassa. Several of the wounded students were in critical condition, and hospital authorities feared the death toll could climb further. Authorities said some seminary teachers and employees were also wounded in the bombing. SOURCE: 27 October 2020, [Associated Press](#)

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